

REMARKS

In response to the restriction/election of species requirement, claims 1-39 are pending and claims 7, 14, 19, and 25 are withdrawn.

In response to the Election requirement dated April 17, 2007, Applicant, through his attorney, elects with traverse Species I consisting of Figures 1-3d, 4-8d. Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-18, 20-24, and 26-39 are considered to read upon the elected species. Claims 1, 13, 18, 24, 30, and 36 are generic. Applicant requests that claims 7, 14, 19, and 25 be withdrawn.

Applicant traverses the instant Election requirement on the grounds that the Examiner has not presented or established any reasons why there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. See MPEP 808.

Upon indication of the allowability of any of the generic claims 1, 13, 18, 24, 30, and 36, Applicant hereby requests the withdrawn of the instant election requirement and the rejoinder of withdrawn claims 7, 14, 19, and 25.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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